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1. REVIEW OF ACTUAL AND PLANNED DATA ON FERTILIZER PRODUCTION
AND USE SUGGESTS NO APPARENT SHORTAGES AND CONTINUED FORWARD
MOMENTUM IS POSSIBLE. CONVERSATIONS WITH MINAG OFFICIALS ON
FERTILIZER POSITION ALSO REFLECT A POSITIVE APPROACH TO
IMMEDIATE AND MID-TERM AVAILABILITIES.

2. LIMITED TRADE DATA PRECLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF SUPPLY
UTILIZATION TABLE. WE HAVE ALSO ASKED MINAG TO SUPPLY PRICE
DATA FOR MOST RECENT YEARS.

3. FOLLOWING DATA REFLECT BEST JUDGMENT OF FERTILIZER
POSITION THROUGH 1974 (DATA IN 000 METRIC TONS; 1970-72
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ACTUAL, 1973, 1974 ESTIMATED NUTRIENT BASIS):

1970 1971 1972 1973 1974

NITROGEN

PRODUCTION 5,423 6,055 6,551 6,734 6,420

CONSUMPTION 4,605 5,181 5,624 5,750 5,910

PHOSPHATE AND MEAL

PRODUCTION 3,585 3,802 3,940 3,979 4,020

CONSUMPTION 3,184 3,575 3,661 3,589 3,625

POTASH

PRODUCTION 4,087 4,807 5,433 5,606 5,785

CONSUMPTION 2,574 2,788 3,238 3,375 3,482

4. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF DATA SHOWS POTASH SURPLUS WHICH CAN BE CONFIRMED FROM EXPORT DATA FOR 1971 AND 1972.

SMALLER EXPORTS OF NITROGEN AND PHOSPHATE FOR SAME TIME PERIOD WITH SOME IMPORTS FOR PHOSPHATES RAISES QUESTION OF TIGHTENING SUPPLY POSUTRE FOR THESE GROUPS. PRESS REPORTS SOVIET UNION WILL INCREASE EXPORTS OF FERTILIZER TO INDIA IN 1974.

NO DATA AVAILABLE ON SPECIFIC AMOUNTS OF FERTILIZER OR TYPE.

5. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF GNP FOR SOVIET UNION SHOW 580 BILLION DOLLARS FOR 1972, 615 BILLION FOR 1973, AND 650 BILLION FOR 1974.DUBS

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